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I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Resolution No. 26 (WOT  
39 (LS))

Introduced by:

F. B. AGUON, JR. 

Relative to honoring, commending and congratulating the St. Paul Assembly of God's Church on their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for all their spiritual contributions, dedication, guidance and spreading of God's word to the community and the people of Guam, we extend a heartfelt *Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* in their efforts to continue their good word and Christian responsibilities in our society.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I  
2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, in 1958 Dr. Jon Pineda arrived on Guam and planted  
4 himself at the Yigo First Assembly of God Church. His senior pastors were  
5 Carter, Buchette, Flewelling and Wiles. In 1961, Pastor John Burke took over  
6 the leadership of the Yigo First Assembly of God Church. Immediately, he  
7 saw the passion and the potential the young Jon Pineda had for the Lord; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1972, Pastor Burke assigned Pastor Jon to take over a  
9 young bible study group that was opened in the home of Greg and Irene  
10 Calvo. The Bible Study flourished in numbers. In 1975, Pastor Burke decided  
11 to release Pastor Jon to plant a new church, which would reach the local  
12 people of Guam. With a few families with him, the church planted its roots

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1 across from the home of Greg and Irene Calvo. It was a small Quonset hut  
2 that had no bathrooms, but it was a place to worship God as one family; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1976, Typhoon Pamela devastated the island and  
4 destroyed the little blossoming church. The word of the Lord came to Pastor  
5 Jon that he had to continue the ministry by breaking bread house to house,  
6 thus the birth of the care cell system. They met at the Kinsella home in Agat,  
7 the Calvo home in Tamuning, and the Tydingco home in Mangilao. And for a  
8 short time they were also able to hold a Bible Study at the home of Fr. Tim in  
9 Talofoto where nuns, priests, and the neighbors attended; and

10 **WHEREAS**, two months after Typhoon Pamela, the Burkes went on  
11 furlough, leaving Pastor Jon to Shepard Yigo Assembly of God and the little  
12 Tamuning Church. The services were combined. At this time, another  
13 Quonset hut was opened for Friday night youth services where members of  
14 Yigo, Tamuning, and another Pentecostal church sought counselors at a coffee  
15 shop located in front. The location eventually gained the name Teen  
16 Challenge; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1977, upon the return of the Burkes, Pastor Jon was once  
18 again released to Shepard the Tamuning Church. The Lord opened up a space  
19 at the ITC building. They were able to use the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> floors. In 1982, the  
20 official name of the Tamuning church became Guam Christian Charismatic  
21 Church. In 1984, the church had to move once again. Teen Challenge became  
22 the new location. The coffee shop was closed down to expand the church and  
23 other parts of the Quonset hut needed refurbishing to accommodate the  
24 growing needs of the Guam Christian Charismatic Church family; and

1           **WHEREAS**, from 1985 to 1987, negotiations to purchase the property in  
2 Route 16 was being made. In the end, Pastor Jon was able to purchase the  
3 property, which was appraised at the time for \$3M, for a miraculous sum of  
4 \$135,000. However, the Lord had not released Teen Challenge to possess the  
5 new location. In 1990, the church offices were moved from the Quonset hut to  
6 the Sunrise Apartment to once again make room for the growing church. In  
7 1992 with no more room to expand, the church opened a second morning  
8 service; and

9           **WHEREAS**, in 1995, Senator Arriola sponsored a bill that change zoning  
10 codes for the target location of the new church. The zone was considered  
11 agricultural and commercial which did not allow for a church to be built.  
12 However, with the passing of the bill, the zone was changed to a school zone,  
13 making it possible to finally break ground. After many years of waiting,  
14 pastor Jon saw that it was time to put a bid for a \$3.4M multi-purpose  
15 structure located in Route 16 just below Motorola was set. The church once  
16 again needed room to grow. So in a year's time, ground was broken and  
17 construction began; and

18           **WHEREAS**, in 1997, Teen Challenge moved to its new location, a one  
19 building multi-functional facility. With the new building came a new vision  
20 and a new name. The church once called itself, Saint Paul Assembly of God  
21 Church noting that the Apostle Paul had a great heart for missions. With that  
22 in mind, in the fall, a school was also founded. The school was blessed with  
23 over one hundred students to start, ranging from K3-12<sup>th</sup> grades; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in 2001, Pastor Jon started grooming his son Pastor Paul to  
2 take over the leadership. The vision has always been the same; reach the  
3 island, the outer islands, and all of Asia Pacific. Throughout the years, Pastor  
4 Jon had groomed many leaders to reach the world. However, Pastor Jon knew  
5 that the time was coming when that vision would be taken to new heights and  
6 it would be through his sons. In 2004, Pastor Paul spoke to the church leaders  
7 gearing them for the pouring of “fresh water” from the Lord. He shared the  
8 vision that God had given him for the church. Fifteen new ministries arose,  
9 one of which allowed the church to step into an arena it was always hesitant  
10 to walk into- reaching the government leaders of Guam. Forums were held  
11 and the gospel was shared to our government officials breaking ground in  
12 their hearts for the great moving of the Lord.

13           **WHEREAS**, on March 6, 2005, Pastor Jon announced that he was going  
14 to move on to a different ministry, reaching the people of Mindanao and other  
15 difficult places. He stated that he would turn over the ministry that he and his  
16 wife had so faithfully served the Lord through to his son Rev. Paul Pineda.  
17 The vision is still the same and will always be-to reach the world for God. But  
18 a new generation has come and there is still so many new and exciting things  
19 that God will show us in the years to come; now therefore, be it

20           **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*  
21 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the  
22 people of Guam, honor, commend and congratulate the St. Paul Assembly of  
23 God’s Church on their 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and for all their spiritual  
24 contributions, dedication, guidance and spreading of God’s word to the

1 community and the people of Guam we extend a heartfelt *Dangkolo Na Si*  
2 *Yu'os Ma'ase* in their efforts to continue their good word and Christian  
3 responsibilities in our society; and be it further

4         **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Executive Committee certify,  
5 and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of  
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to the St. Paul Assembly of God Church; to  
7 Pastor Jon Pineda, Senior Pastor; to Pastor Eva Pineda, Senior Pastor; to Pastor  
8 Paul Pineda, Senior Pastor; to the Honorable Phillip F. Carbullido, Chief  
9 Justice of the Supreme Court of Guam; to the Honorable Madeleine Z.  
10 Bordallo, Member of Congress, U. S. House of Representatives; and to the  
11 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3<sup>rd</sup>  
DAY OF APRIL 2005.**

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**MARK FORBES**  
**Speaker/Chairman Executive Committee**

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**EDWARD CALVO**  
**Legislative Secretary**